

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For Eastern New York and Western Vermont fair, cooler tonight. Friday fair.

GRANGE MEETING

Children's Night Observed by Grange Wednesday Night.

The Bennington Grange held a regular meeting Wednesday evening. After the business was transacted an open session was held by the children of the members. The following program was carried out:

Piano solo—Gerald Crimmins.

"The Months"—an exercise for 12 small children.

Reading by Miner Clark—"The charms of rural life in New England"—an extract from address given by ex-Gov. Bell at the summer field meeting of the Board of Agriculture at Fitchburg, Mass. in 1906.

Dialogue—A Joker in Disgrace.

Singing by Misses Estella, Hazel and Ethel Russell.

Declaration by Sanford Barber.

March by six girls and six boys—"The Butterflies and Bees." Hildred Burnham presiding at the piano.

Declaration by Marshall Clark.

Essay—"A Real Queen" by Florence Lyons.

Dialogue—A Society for the Suppression of Slavery, by six girls.

The following paper was read by Mrs. W. Clark and the articles mentioned on exhibition:

William Helling's Descendants.

"In the year 1719 William Helling of Holland came to America with a lieutenant's commission given him by George King of Great Britain at the court of St. James on the eighth day of March 1719. He was to take charge of a company of Foot doing duty at New York. About five years later in 1724 he retired from military duty and with his family which consisted of his wife and one son, William Jr., he went to Albany and from there through the wilderness to a point in the town of Hoosick, about four miles east of Hoosick Falls and bought a tract of land, following the occupation of farming until his death.

Though he was a commissioned officer under King George at the beginning of the Revolutionary War his son William promptly enlisted in a company from New York state and fought for the colonies and took part in the battle of Bennington.

In the year 1774 his son Garrett Helling was born, and to this son is due the credit of inventing the first revolver ever known. About 1802 he made a model of wood, then of pewter by melting pewter basins, etc., and afterward one of brass which he took to a gunsmith to have a spring made to revolve the cylinder.

The invention was such a curiosity that the gunsmith called his workmen to see it, and among them was an unscrupulous young man named Colt, who soon after copied the model and got a patent, on what is known as Colt's revolver.

Mrs. C. A. Knapp of North Bennington is a descendant of William Helling and has the commission brought by him to this country nearly two hundred years ago.

Garrett Helling was an uncle of Mrs. Knapp and she also has in her possession the wood and pewter models of revolvers made by him. The Grange may well be proud that one of its members is a descendant of a commissioned officer of Great Britain, a daughter of the revolution and a niece of the inventor of the first revolver."

A treat in the form of delicious candies was furnished by the officers at the close of the entertainment.

STEVENS IS STATE TREASURER

Elected Over Representative Kemp to Vacancy in Massachusetts

Boston, April 7.—Senator Stevens was formally elected State Treasurer in the joint convention of both branches of the legislature this afternoon, receiving 203 out of 239 votes. The candidacy of Representative Frank D. Kemp was supported by 29 members, mostly democrats.

The vacancy in the office of state treasurer came unexpectedly through the resignation of a Savings Bank commissioner and the appointment to that position of Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke, who was re-elected for a fifth term as treasurer last fall.

The contest during the last two weeks has been a spirited one, principally between Senator Stevens and A. P. Langtry of Springfield, Secretary of the Republican state committee. A few hours before the 213 Republican members of the Senate and House met in caucus Mr. Lantry withdrew in favor of one of his chief supporters, Representatives Kemp of his own city.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to the neighbors and friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and son and especially the Catholic Foresters and the Putnam Hose company, also those who sent floral tributes.

Mrs. Owen J. Lavins

Mrs. Joseph Lavins and family.

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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

New wagons 25c up at Ramsdell's. O. M. Barber is in Rutland today on business.

New shelf paper, all colors, 5c per package at Ramsdell's.

Rev. B. Kelley of Manchester was a visitor in town today.

Nelson F. Cook of Schaghticoke is visiting friends in town.

Frank Squires of Manchester was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Paul Galpo and Seymour Patterson were in North Adams Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia Harlow of Valentine st., is spending a few days in Pittsfield.

W. C. Bull of Pleasant street is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

James Davis has returned from a few days visit with relatives in North Adams.

Merritt Wood has accepted a position as night operator at the local telephone exchange.

At Patterson's pure maple sugar in cakes, maple syrup, and 10 pound pails of soft sugar. 3312

Miss Margaret Canary, Bridget McLaughlin and Nollie Prendergast are spending the day in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cooper and daughter, Mabel, went to Albany Wednesday afternoon for a short visit.

Mrs. C. P. Rogers who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Graves, returned to Yonkers, N. Y., this morning.

Rev. A. J. Barron and Rev. C. E. Prevost are in Albany today attending the Holy Week services at the cathedral in that city.

Miss Anna E. Nolan, formerly a resident of this town, has accepted a position in the suit department of W. H. Fear's store in Troy.

There will be a special meeting of the fraternal order of Eagles in Woodman's hall this evening. All members are requested to be present.

New maple syrup is still selling at \$1.10 a gallon with no prospects of a decrease in price this year as the season in this vicinity is about over.

Roger G. Ramsdell returned to the University of Vermont today after spending the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ramsdell.

Miss Beatrice Temple who has been spending a few days at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John Temple of Gage street, returned to Salem this morning.

A meeting of the baseball association will be held in Foresters hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All interested in baseball should be present at this meeting and show their baseball spirit.

The Hooker-Howe Costume company of Haverhill, Mass., will be at Foresters hall Monday and Tuesday, April 12, and 13, with a full line of costumes for the Epsilon Kappa masquerade ball.

One of the most severe north-west wind storms of the year occurred during the early hours this morning. Many branches were blown off trees and some roofs are minus a few of their shingles or slates as the case may be.

The senior Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class meets this evening at the usual hour. Friday afternoon a regular session of the business men's class will be held. Wednesday nights ladies gym class while not largely attended was one of the best of the season.

A. W. Braisted will begin at once to move his house on the corner of Elm and Jefferson to the rear of his lot so it will face Jefferson Avenue. It will also be repaired and remodeled. On the remainder of the lot on Elm street he will build a new house sometime in the near future.

The weather today is suffering from a relapse of the cold weather malady with which it has been afflicted for several months. At one o'clock today the mercury stood only a few degrees above freezing, a drop of over 40 degrees in 24 hours. However, today is more reasonable than yesterday and in the main more comfortable.

Lenten devotions will be held in St. Francis de Sales church Friday evening consisting of the Way of the Cross followed by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. On Saturday Easter water will be blessed and distributed Sunday. A large chancel choir of boys will add impressiveness by singing the responses to the Mass Sunday and also Easter hymns.

NORTH BENNINGTON

At a special communication of Tucker lodge, No. 48, F. and A. M., held Wednesday, April 7, 1909, the following officers elected for the ensuing year were duly installed. William J. Cole, W. M.; E. J. Worthington, S. W.; Herbert A. White, J. W.; Henry Fowler, treasurer; C. D. Phillips, secretary; Ralph H. White, S. D.; Herbert A. Davis, J. D.; E. J. Beagle, C.; C. M. Colvin, M.; George E. Green, S. S.; E. J. DeLong, J. S.; F. D. Ranney, org. F. H. Mattison, Tyler.

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Smart Shoes for Eastertide

Don't mar the effect of your Easter outfitting by wearing shoes that are a bit rusty.

Everything that's proper in Footwear for the coming season is here at its best. Suede, Gun Metal, Patent Kid, King Kid, Vici Kid, and Russian Calf—black or russet. COLORED PARTY SLIPPERS, high colors to match evening gowns—blue, green, brown, white, yellow, \$2 to \$3.50.

Edwin C. Burt's Fine Shoes, \$3.50.

Regals for women, \$3.50.

Drysdale, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

Boardman, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

"Growing Girls," \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.00



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